



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the application of:

WARD et al.

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) Group Art Unit:

) Examiner:

) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
) MISSING PARTS

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231 ON <u>1-31-02</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.</p> <p>By: <u>James Messer</u></p>
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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) of four (4) months in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed August 2, 2001, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for submission of missing parts from October 2, 2001, to February 2, 2002.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$720.00 as payment of the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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